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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restrictions set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action dated August 31, 2005, the Applicant elects Species VI, without traverse. The Species VI embodiment of the invention is illustrated in FIGS. 13 and 14. In terms of the claims readable on this elected Species, a Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith wherein several of the claims have been amended and other claims canceled so as to present a set of claims that are readable on the elected Species. Additionally, two (2) new claims have been added and all of this is clearly set forth in this Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the fact that an election has been made, without traverse, and an appropriate set of claims has been submitted that are readable on the elected Species, the

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Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with examination based on the claims, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment.

Please provide any extensions of time which are required and charge any fees which may be due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

Respectfully submitted,

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